

The Colt Connection

November 2022

Richland #44 School District & Community Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 1

P/T Conferences

Elem 4pm-8pm

Jr/Sr High 4pm-6pm

EGBB vs. Hankinson 4:30pm

Thursday, November 3

P/T Conferences

Elem 4pm-6pm

Jr/Sr High 4pm-8pm

EGBB vs. Kindred 4:30pm

Friday, November 4

NO SCHOOL

Saturday, November 5

EGBB Tournament in Gwinner

Tuesday, November 8

JHGBB @ Lidgerwood 4:30pm

Music Parents Meeting 5:30pm

Wednesday, November 9

School Board Meeting 5:30pm

Thursday, November 10

Veteran's Day Program

Richland Elementary 2:00pm

Friday, November 11

NO SCHOOL

Monday, November 14

JHGBB vs. Wynd/Lidg. 4:30pm

Tuesday, November 15

JHGBB @ Lisbon 4:30pm

EGBB @ Lisbon 4:30pm

Wednesday, November 16

PTO Meeting @ 7pm via Zoom

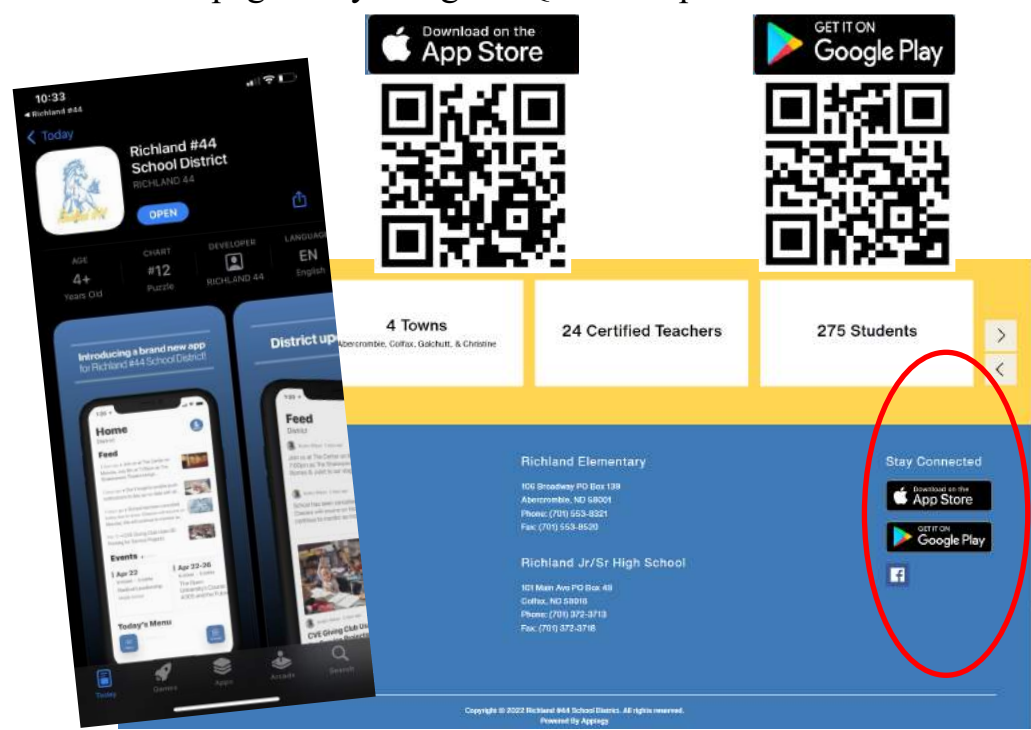
District Launches New Website & Mobile App

Our website richland44.com has a new look! Check it out for all things Richland #44. Daily Announcements, events, communications, staff contacts, school board information, and much more!

We invite you to watch our Launch video - Click [HERE](#)



Also, be sure to download the new Richland #44 mobile app from the Apple Store or Google Play Store! Find links on our home page or by using the QR codes provided.



Superintendent's Corner>>>



Hello Colt Country!

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and enjoying this gorgeous fall. We are in our second week of Quarter 2 and are meeting with parents this week during parent teacher conferences. We are excited to share the great things kids have been learning and doing so far this school year.

We had a fantastic fall sports season with our football team having their best season in the past several years; high school volleyball will continue into post season play next week. Basketball has started with elementary and junior high girls; we are looking forward to a great winter sports season.

We are excited to announce the launch of our updated website and new app! Effective communication is key to the success of any organization and Richland #44 School District is no different. We hope that the streamlined website and accompanying app make things easy to find and accessible for parents and community members. On the app you can sign up for push notification to get alerts when new items are added to the Live Feed. You can also access all events on the website and app which include athletics, other activities, school day items, meetings, and more.

A few reminders on bus transportation... we provide transportation to and from students' homes or daycares; students cannot ride to different locations or on a different bus. On rare occasions exceptions can be made but this must be pre-approved by administration. If a request is made for a student to go to another student's home, we may permit up to one friend. If you need to change your child's bus plan for the day, follow these procedures:

- *Changes to AM route: Text the driver by 6:45am (preferably not in the middle of the night)*
- *Changes to PM route: Call the school by 2pm. Our drivers are not necessarily checking phones throughout the day, and even if so, there are sometimes many changes that can be a lot to keep track of. Our office can streamline, organize, and communicate all changes to bus drivers before the PM route.*



Thank you for your understanding and continued support. We have such a wonderful school district, which I communicate regularly to those wanting to know more about Richland #44. I'm grateful to work in such a great place with wonderful people. Please let me know any questions or feedback.

Go Colts! Warmly, Dr. Gandhi

Winter Clothing Policy



All students being transported by school transportation during the winter months shall be properly dressed to protect them from the extreme weather conditions. This precaution is necessary so that the students will be prepared for any mishaps that may expose them to inclement weather. Proper clothing includes protective head covering, winter coat or jacket, mittens or gloves, and footwear.

—Policy FCBB-AR: Student Transportation Safety & Supervision Regulations

Employment Opportunities>>>

For more information, and to apply, visit our website at richland44.com and click on Employment Opportunities in the Menu.



WE ARE HIRING

Are you ready to join our team?

*ELEMENTARY BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

Season: End of February - Middle of April (roughly 6 weeks)

Hours: M, T, TH, F Practice 3:30-5:00, with games as scheduled

Salary: \$1,512

*JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

Season: End of December - End of February (roughly 9 weeks)

Hours: M, T, TH, F Practice 4:00pm-6:00pm,
with games as scheduled

Salary: \$2,079



From the desk of the Elementary Principal>>>

Happy Fall Richland Colts,



The first nine weeks of school have gone remarkably well (and very quickly) at Richland Elementary School. This month teachers participated in their first full day of professional development and community members/families joined us for October Coffee with Kids. Most recently, students participated in the Fall Celebration. They decorated pumpkins, danced, participated in relay games, and played Halloween BINGO!



Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held this week. This is a great opportunity for parents and teachers to have a positive exchange- it allows teachers to share student academic progress and parents to share insight into their child's home life. Discussions between parents and teachers are a crucial opportunity to improve a child's achievement and happiness in and out the classroom.



VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM K-6

November 10th, 2022

2:00 PM

Richland Elementary School

Miss McKeever, our new music teacher, and the elementary students are excited to show off their musical talents at the Veteran's Day Program next week. The students are also working on special art projects that will be showcased on the walls of the gym. If your schedule allows, please join us to honor those that have served our country!

Best regards,
Mrs. Schmitz



Elementary Girls' Basketball is Underway>>>

The Elementary Girls Basketball Team started practice October 10th. There are 16 athletes out for practice with games starting this week. Take a look at the athletic scheduler or announcements for home games in Abercrombie and cheer on our 5th and 6th grade girls basketball teams!

Coach Vorachek and Coach Gowan



5th Grade Team



6th Grade Team

SCHOOL COUNSELOR ^{CT}



In classroom counseling, we finished up our unit on Growth Mindset and Goal Setting and moved on to celebrating Red Ribbon Week! The theme this year is *Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free.* By making healthy choices for our body and mind, we are sending a message to ourselves and others about how much we value ourselves, our overall health, our community, and our future. By making healthy choices we are much more likely to achieve our goals. We here at Richland Elementary encourage all students to aim for the stars because we believe in them!



2nd Graders doing a card sort for Red Ribbon Week with healthy/safe choices vs. unhealthy/unsafe choices and coloring their Red Ribbon.

Lucky Ducks Lunch Bunch is in full swing! I have had the pleasure to dine with half of the second- grade class this month. So much fun for me to visit with the students in a small group setting and learn more about them and what they are enjoying each week in and out of school.



2nd graders during Lucky Ducks Lunch Bunch



November classroom counseling will focus on Emotion Management, using our Second Step Social Emotional Learning Curriculum. Students learn to identify emotions in themselves and others and apply strategies to manage them. Sixth graders kicked off Red Ribbon Week by creating/using a coping strategy to manage their emotions. Each student made their own "Worry Stone." One to keep, one to give away! A worry stone is a small, smooth "stone" we made from baking clay. They have been around for centuries and are used to calm the mind, and by rubbing, creating some stress relief. Students are encouraged to use them before bed, on a walk, or even during a difficult conversation.



6th graders creating worry stones to help calm mind and body.

During parent teacher conferences, please stop by and take a look at our bulletin board outside the counseling room. We have a good start to building community and embracing individual differences by students and staff adding their piece of the pie. "Any way you slice it, we are very grateful for you!"



As always, if there are any questions about the counseling program or you have a concern about your child, please reach out! It is a privilege to work with the children and staff at Richland Elementary.

Best, Mrs. Bobbi Jo Jelinek, Elementary School Counselor

1, 2, 3, 4, we declare a PENNY WAR



Where: Richland #44 Schools

When: Oct. 31 to Nov. 8

Rules

Each Class (PK-12) has their own jug for collecting money. **GAIN** points by adding *pennies* and *bills* to your class jug. **LOWER** other classroom totals by adding *silver coins* to their jugs. Jugs will be placed in the offices for all grades. Students are encouraged to bring coins to place in either their own class jug to **ADD** points or in another classes jug to **SUBTRACT** points. The class with the most points by November 9th will win an Ice Cream party!

Jugs will be placed in the office so **ANYONE can contribute to the war!!

Pennies & Bills

All pennies & bills **ADD** to your classroom's total

Silver Coins

All silver coins **SUBTRACT** from your classroom's total

Goal: Class with most points, **WINS**



Rotary Student of the Month>>>

Each month, the high school faculty votes on the Rotary Student of the Month. The Student of the Month is selected from the junior class. The faculty looks at students who excel in many areas including academics, extra-curricular activities, character, and community involvement. On the third Tuesday of the month, students are recognized at a luncheon put on by the Wahpeton Rotary Club. Congratulations to the following on being named Student of the Month:



Jewel H.
November SOTM

No School

November 4
November 11
November 24-25

One-Act Play - Get your tickets now!>>>

Richland #44 High School Presents:

No Body To Murder

By: Edith Weiss

Directed By: Lanah Akvik

Sunday, November 13
7pm

Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado

Get your
tickets now!

\$5/ea

[https://our.show/
richland-one-act](https://our.show/richland-one-act)



Richland #44 Livestream for Many Events



Richland #44 offers livestream through the NFHS Network for most home events.

NFHS does have monthly and yearly subscription plans, allowing for unlimited streaming of MANY events (not just Richland #44).

To sign up for NFHS, visit nfhsnetwork.com. The NFHS app is also available in the AppStore.

Please beware of several FAKE streaming links that have made their way to Facebook. We will only post streaming links in the original posts and never in the comment section.

Daily Announcements >>>

Daily announcements for both schools are posted every morning to the school webpage. Information for students and parents can be found in these announcements. To have something added to these announcements, send information to Sarah at Sarah.Kummer@k12.nd.us

These announcements are used as a streamlined communication source for our parents and community. Announcements are usually created and posted to our webpage each morning around 9:30am and can be found at on our website (richland44.com).

You can also SUBSCRIBE to the morning announcements at:

<https://tinyurl.com/R44announcements>



Richland #44 FFA @ Nationals!>>>

Members from the Richland #44 FFA chapter traveled to Indianapolis at the end of October to compete at the National FFA Convention. Congratulations to the Chapter for their amazing performance at all levels.

- National Premier Chapter Award - 2nd place (IN THE NATION!)
- Agriscience Fair-Food Systems Division 1 - Cody Boehm 6th place
- Agriscience Fair-Food Systems Division 3 - Kalie Boehm 6th place
- Veterinary Science - 24th place team and silver rating
 - ◊ Nick Wulfekuhle 75th silver
 - ◊ Cora Hermunsle 86th silver
 - ◊ Kalie Boehm 126th silver
 - ◊ Cody Boehm 151st bronze



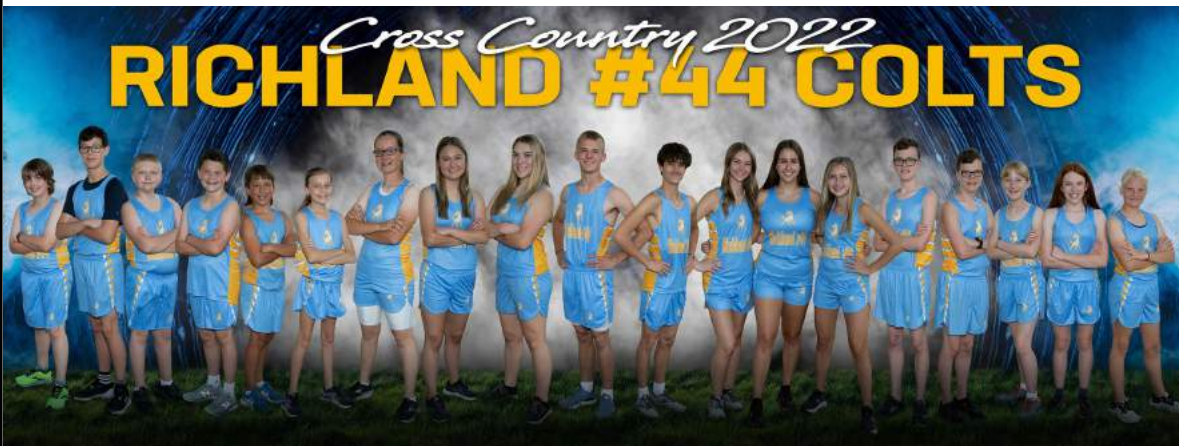
Cross Country Finishes Strong>>>



Cross Country season wrapped up on Sunday, October 23 with a team potluck and awards banquet at the school. Each member was recognized for their contribution to a successful season. There were 20 student-athletes from 6 different grade levels on the team. Varsity award winners included:

- *Brezlyn Callenius, Co-Most Valuable Runner
- *Cora Hermunsle, Co-Most Valuable Runner
- *Sydney Loff, Grit Award.

Additionally, Addie Christianson was recognized for her courageous and fearless entry to the team as a senior. Nick Wulfekuhle raced in as many races as he could despite a full football season and ankle sprain. Brezlyn enjoys racing in crowds, appreciates cooler temperatures, finds the finish shoot sprint to be a rewarding challenge and is only 2 seconds from the Girls R44 5K record. Cora works hard at every practice, runs well in all conditions, holds a steady pace, leads team prayers and is only 7 seconds away from the Girls R44 5K record. Sydney raced in 10 races, elevated herself to racing 5Ks and didn't miss a practice.



Junior high racers had big time improvements over the course of the season. Lucy Hermunsle was recognized for placing in every race she entered and winning first in two meets. Congratulations!

Yay, Colts!

2022 Football>>>



It was a great year for the Richland Colts football team. They started off the season with a big win at home over Griggs County. Over the next 4 weeks they went on a 4 game losing streak against some very good team, but bounced back with a big Homecoming win over Tri-State. That win gave the Colts momentum going into the final 2 games of the regular season.

The regular season ended with a thriller 22-19 win over Hankinson to earn the Colts their first playoff appearance since 2018. Whether in person, tuning in on the radio, or watching the streamed event, Colt Country came out in huge support to cheer the team on as they headed to Hope, ND to take on the Maple River Raiders. Unfortunately, the season ended in the first round of the playoffs with a loss to Maple River 36-6.



Overall it was a fantastic year for Colts Football. A special "Thank you" to the seniors, whose leadership and hard work lead to fun and successful season, and has helped set up future success for the program. Thank you parents for all your help throughout the season feeding the team and for keeping the uniforms clean and looking sharp on the field!! And finally, thank you to the community and fans for your support throughout the season. Go Colts



Missoula Children's Theater Returns! >>>



**MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATER
AT RICHLAND ELEMENTARY**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
MCT WILL BE HERE NOV 28 - DEC 3**

The PTO is excited to bring MCT back to Richland Elementary in 2022! This year's production will be Hansel and Gretel. All K-6 students are invited to try out on the first day for the 50-60 spots available.

The week-long residency will consist of 2 practices per day during the week, likely from 3-5pm and 5:15 - 7:15pm with snacks provided at the break. Typically, younger cast members are only required to be at the first practice, while older kids with more lines will need to be at both practices.

More information to come! If your student is interested, please reserve that week for practices after school and performances on Saturday.

**REHEARSALS: NOV 28TH-DEC 3
PERFORMANCES: SATURDAY, DEC 3.**

17-18
"Aladdin"



18-19 "Blackbeard the Pirate"



4H Promotes Community Service>>>>

The Lucky Leaf 4H Club continues to focus on community service and leadership. 4Hers are given the opportunity to come up with project to lead and organize and involve the members (and anyone who would like to help) in community service activities. Here are a few the club has been working on:



1. **Gather and pack backpacks for LWR (September 2022)**
2. **Fall yard cleanup for area veterans (October 2022)**



3. **Made ornaments to decorate a 4H tree for the Wahpeton Festival of Trees (October 2022 - the decorated trees are donated to local families in need.)** This year 4Hers across Richland County made ornaments with a 'natural' theme. Lucky Leaf used wood slices and pinecones to create 2 different ornaments.



4. **Veteran's Home Donation Drive (CURRENT)** - Organized by Lincoln Hegseth -
Donate items at Richland Elementary School or High School.

- Items needed: Men's and Women's deodorant, Paddle hairbrushes, Chapstick, Lens cleaner for eyeglasses, Children's activity bags full of coloring books, activity books, word search, crayons, Gift cards, clothing items for emergent needs or homeless veterans (sweatpants, athletic shorts, T-shirts, mens underwear. Must be brand new with tags. Items due by November 30th.

5. **Operation Christmas Child (CURRENT)** - Organized by Lennex Hegseth : Collecting items to be donated to help fill shoeboxes and send to children in need.
Donations can be dropped off at Richland high school, Our Saviors Church, or Galchutt Lutheran Church. Collecting items through November 11, 2022.

- Examples of items to donate: Sewing Kits, Eating Utensil, Simple Books or picture books, Markers, Crayons, notebooks, pens, pencils and sharpener.

Our 4Hers also greeted trick-or-treaters at Crooked Lane Farm during the annual Trunk-Or-Treat event!

Lucky Leaf meets the 3rd Saturday of each month. If interested in joining 4H, contact Kendra Dockter at 701-640-0127.



Foundation Happenings



Every student, every opportunity to experience success.

Greetings from the Richland #44 School Foundation! In partnership with the community, the Richland #44 School Foundation financially supports creative programs that stimulate excellence in the areas of academics, the arts, and extra-curricular activities while enriching and enhancing the education offered by the Richland #44 School District.

This fall two projects have been approved for funding to enhance the Richland #44 educational experience.

***Knowledge Bowl~ A request to support Knowledge Bowl was approved for up to \$1,500.**

Knowledge Bowl is an interdisciplinary academic contest that combines intense competition with the incredible skill of knowledge recall. Students work cooperatively in teams of four to solve oral and written questions while teams race against each other to be the first to "buzz in" and answer the question correctly.

These funds will help with the cost of travel to meets and for materials for practice and to support meets at Richland #44.

***Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program~ A request was approved for \$9,520 to support to the Richland #44 Elementary Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for the 2022-23 school year.**

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program is a Federally assisted program designed to introduce students to a variety of fruits and vegetables and increase awareness and consumption of healthier options. By fueling our students nutritionally, we are giving them a healthier foundation to participate well in school and in extra-curricular activities. When students are fed, they are focused. Focused students are involved students.

Richland Elementary received \$9,520 from the Federal program to provide a fresh healthy snack for PreK-6th grade 2-3 days a week. Match funds from the Foundation will ensure that a healthy snack is provide 5 days a week for the 2022-23 school year



RICHLAND #44
FOUNDATION

richland44schoolfoundation.org

The Richland #44 Foundation board meets the first Wednesday each month at 5:00pm at Richland High School in Colfax.

President: Megan Kummer

Vice President: Chad Ulven

Secretary/Treasurer: Scott Johnson

Board Members: Mary Jo Schmid, Jenny Schmitt, Nicole Holdman, and Dr. Britney Gandhi (Richland #44 Superintendent)

REQUESTING FUNDS FROM THE RICHLAND #44 SCHOOL FOUNDATION



Does your school organization or classroom need financial assistance from the Richland #44 School Foundation?

If so, please fill out the application form and return to the Foundation's office located in the administration office at the high school, or email the form to richland44foundation@gmail.com. The Foundation's board meets the first Wednesday of each month and will review your request.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY FOR FUNDS](#)

Interested in serving on the Richland #44 Foundation Board?

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

Or directly at:

<https://tinyurl.com/R44FoundationBoard>

**Deadline to apply:
December 6, 2022**

Richland #44 School Board

is currently filling 2 at-large positions for the

Richland #44 FOUNDATION BOARD



ATTENTION PATRONS of Richland #44 School District:

The Richland #44 School Foundation has two available Foundation Board seats starting January 2023. The Foundation's seven-member board is comprised of one school board member, the school superintendent, and five at-large members. **Per Foundation bylaws, the school board appoints the members of the Foundation Board, terms are three years in length, and at-large members must reside in the school district or have children currently enrolled.**



When the Foundation transitioned its board structure in January 2022 from the school board to the current foundation board structure, the initial board members were assigned varying term lengths (1, 2 or 3 years) to ensure staggered terms. Now that the first year is nearly complete, the one-year terms are coming to an end. Those board members are eligible to reapply for their board seats since there are no term limits.

Apply at: <https://tinyurl.com/R44FoundationBoard>

Applications are due **Tuesday December 6, 2022** by 4pm and will be reviewed for selection on December 7.

Questions? Contact any school board member or the district office at 701-372-3713.

MITTEN + SCHOOL GEAR DRIVE



Have extra mittens or Colts gear? We'd love to help you put it to good use - and make sure all students can have warm hands and show their school spirit!

Drop new or gently used mittens as well as school t-shirts, sweatshirts, and other Colts gear in one of the donation boxes at each school. You'll find them clearly marked at the front entrance of the high school and by the flagpole at the elementary. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

JOIN US

Next PTO Meeting:

Wednesday November 16 at 7 p.m. via [ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID: 511 463 1558

Passcode: 44COLTS44

Colts vs. Raiders

ND Region I VB

Play-In Game

Friday, November 4

7:00pm - Tower City

Stream it at yourliveevent.com



1st Quarter Honor Roll >>>

12th Grade - A Honor Roll

Shandi C
Addie C
Blake M
Skylar O
Josie S
Adam S
Logan S
Mason S
Kennedi W
Hans W
Tanner Z

12th Grade—B Honor Roll

Elliot B
Kaden C
Teddy F
Carli N
Megan T

11th Grade - A Honor Roll

Patrick B
Wade G
Taylor G
Jewel H
Alison H
Mikey H
Penelope M
Eric M
Levi U
Isabel V
Brooks V
Ella W
Nick W

11th Grade - B Honor Roll

TeeGan A
Ashlyn B
Ryley F
Nicholas M
Casyn S
Cody T

10th Grade - A Honor Roll

Kalie B
Otto D
Emma E
Cora H
Inger H
Lillian M
Alayna S
Emma S

10th Grade - B Honor Roll

TeAnna A
Lily D
Julian F
Sydney L
Preston S
McKayla S
Alexis V



9th Grade - A Honor Roll

Diahnna B
Brezlyn C
Abbie F
Jaci F
Mallory G
Kylie K
Sadie M
Jayden M
Wyatt M
Carter P
Beck S
Ethan S
Hannah S
Genevieve U
Lila V

9th Grade - B Honor Roll

Ava B
Josie D
Carson K
Grayson M
Kasen N

8th Grade - A Honor Roll

Alexa A
Cody B
Matthew B
Jozie F
Lincoln H
Aleda K
Sophie P
Owen S
Janna T

8th Grade - B Honor Roll

Dillon B
Caidyn F
Hailey G
Lucille H
Shaylee L
Amelia W

7th Grade - A Honor Roll

Eli F
Ina G
Shelby G
Bryce G
Conner K
Lucas L
Ella S
Haven S
Ashley S
Monique V
Keller V
Owen Z

7th Grade - B Honor Roll

Alex G
William G
Corbin G
Jordan H
Bently K



The Richland 44 Foundation

INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE OUR UPCOMING

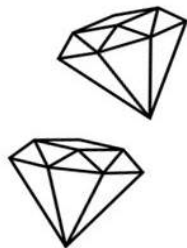
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EVENTS & PERFORMING ART CENTER

— 12.02.22 —

FUNDRAISING DINNER
AT CHRISTINE COMMUNITY CENTER

With Guest Emcee David Borlaug
Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation



5:30- 7:00
Live Music
Hors d'oeuvres
Cash Bar

7:15
Dinner
Music by Area Performers
Live Auction

RSVP by November 21

<https://richland44schoolfoundation.org/>

Or Call Amy at 701-640-9785

\$75 Per Person
21 & Older Event

PERFORMERS

JACKIE HOVIND
MARY & CHARLEY JOHNSON
AMY LEE LEHMANN
VOLUNTEER CORN



Community Opportunities>>>

Richland #44 Dollars for Scholars fundraiser

Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, Nov. 12

10 am — 3 pm

**Richland High School
gyms in Colfax, ND**

**Lots of unique and festive items
from local crafters and home vendors**

Register for a booth at
richland.dollarsforscholars.org

or contact:

Donna Thiel donnathiel@rrt.net or 701-640-0397

Mary Boehm

mary6.boehm@gmail.com or 701-793-3292



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